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Re: MKn/LT

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Dear parents,

It is with sincere disappointment that I write to you to confirm that, through no fault of our own, we have been forced to postpone the date of next week's planned Year 11 prom. Following the Government's announcement on Monday that there will be no real change to the current lockdown measures in England on Monday 21 June, we are unable to go ahead with the prom next Tuesday, as we had warned could be the case. For the prom we are largely governed by the same rules which apply to weddings, meaning although a socially-distanced meal could be provided there would be no dancing, singing or mingling permitted.

The new date for your diaries is **Tuesday 20 July 2021**, the day immediately following Boris Johnson's new end of lockdown date for England - which should be confirmed the week before this date. Students will be required to take a LFT home covid test with a negative result before attending the prom. They will be required to provide proof of the result.

Providing the Government's release of lockdown restrictions goes ahead on 19 July, the rescheduled prom will be able to go ahead exactly as it has been planned for next week, at Knights Hill Hotel in King's Lynn.

However, it is with regret that I have to inform you that, **should the Government not continue with their current planned release date for lockdown**, or not make changes which allow such a gathering to go ahead, we will be forced to cancel the prom entirely. We have investigated the possibility of holding the prom on the school site as an alternative to the formal gathering at Knights Hill, but unfortunately the risks are too severe to enable us to go ahead with this in the current climate should a student or a member of staff attending the Prom test positive for Covid in the days following the event.

If you have any questions regarding the rescheduled date, please don't hesitate to contact us. I can honestly say we are all as disappointed as the students will undoubtedly be - and we really do hope that the new date will be able to go ahead in July, when we can celebrate the students' successes and the end of their time at Smithdon.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Knott
Assistant Headteacher

